

APPENDIX

Please make the following amendments as shown below with underlining used to show material to be added and bracketing to show material to be deleted.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 5, please amend the first full paragraph as shown below:

The absorbent system 10 also includes a supplemental absorbent insert 16. The absorbent insert 16 is dimensioned and configured to be placed adjacent to the outer, primary absorbent garment 12 when the absorbent garment 12 is worn by the user. The absorbent insert 16 is designed to be removable from the absorbent garment [16]12, and to supplement the absorbency of the absorbent garment 12. The absorbent insert 16 includes a body-facing outer surface 17 and a garment-facing outer surface 18. The garment-facing outer surface 18 is intended to be positioned generally adjacent the body-facing surface 14 of the absorbent garment 12. While the absorbent insert 16 may just be simply positioned within the garment 12, the absorbent insert 16 preferably includes an attachment portion 19 for removably attaching or adhering the absorbent insert 16 to the absorbent garment 12. Typically, the attachment portion 19 will include an adhesive or one or more adhesive zones, however, those skilled in the art will appreciate that other attachment mechanisms, such as Velcro®, snaps, or buttons, for example, would also be suitable for removably attaching the absorbent insert 16 to the garment 12.

At page 13, please amend the first full paragraph as shown below:

The insert [30]20 also includes an attachment portion, shown in FIG. 4 as an adhesive zone 38. A removable adhesive covering layer, such as a peel strip or film, covers the adhesive zone until the insert 20 is ready for use. The adhesive covering layer 80 is removed and the insert [30]20 is firmly pressed into the absorbent garment so that it will be properly positioned.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Amended) An absorbent insert for use with an absorbent garment, the insert comprising:

a body-facing outer surface and a garment-facing outer surface, said garment-facing outer surface being at least partially fluid permeable;

at least one absorbent layer having a first primary surface and a second primary surface; and

at least one continuous fluid impermeable delay layer adapted to substantially affect the flow of fluid passing through the insert, said at least one continuous fluid impermeable delay layer having a first primary surface and a second primary surface;

wherein the surface area of each of said primary surfaces of said at least one continuous fluid impermeable delay layer is less than the surface area of each of said primary surfaces of the largest of said at least one absorbent layer.

12. (Amended) An absorbent insert for use with an absorbent garment, the insert comprising:

a body-facing cover layer and a garment-facing cover layer, said garment-facing cover layer being at least partially fluid permeable;

at least one absorbent layer having a first primary surface and a second primary surface, said at least one absorbent layer positioned between said body-facing cover layer and said garment-facing cover layer; and

at least one continuous fluid impermeable delay layer having a first primary surface and a second primary surface, said at least one continuous fluid impermeable delay layer adapted to substantially affect the flow of fluid through the insert, said continuous fluid impermeable delay layer positioned between said body-facing cover layer and said garment-facing cover layer[.];

wherein the surface area of each of said primary surfaces of said at least one continuous fluid impermeable delay layer is less than the surface area of each of said primary surfaces of the largest of said at least one absorbent layer.

19. (Amended) An absorbent system comprising:

an absorbent garment adapted to be worn by a user, said absorbent garment having a body-facing surface and an outward-facing surface; and

an absorbent insert for use with an absorbent garment, said absorbent insert including:

a body-facing outer surface and a garment-facing outer surface, said garment-facing outer surface being at least partially fluid permeable;

at least one absorbent layer having a first primary surface and a second primary surface; and

at least one continuous fluid impermeable delay layer adapted to substantially affect the flow of fluid passing through the insert, said at least one continuous fluid impermeable delay layer having a first primary surface and a second primary surface;

wherein the surface area of each of said primary surfaces of said at least one continuous fluid impermeable delay layer is less than the surface area of each of said primary surfaces of the largest of said at least one absorbent layer.